

1776

King George III  
born in 1738  
reigned from 1760 → 1820

He was a generous patron of both  
astronomy and musee  
Died in 1820 after decades of  
growing blidness and  
mental illness

Dec 25, 1776

Gen. George Washington and his  
troops crossed the Delaware River  
for a surprise attack against  
Hessian forces at Trenton, N.J.

Dec 8, 1776

George Washington's retreating  
army in the American Revolution  
crossed the Delaware from New  
Jersey to Pennsylvania

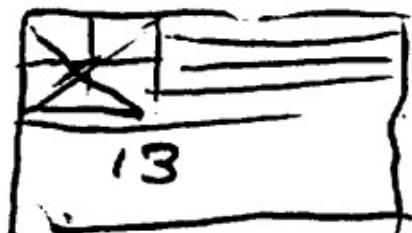
Jan 10, 1776

Thomas Paine published his  
influential pamphlet, "Common Sense"

Nov. 16, 1776

British troops captured Fort Washington  
during the American Revolution.

Jan 2, 1776



The Flag designed by Committee  
chaired by Franklin in  
1775 was first flown  
over Washington Hq.  
before Boston. This was the  
GRAND UNION FLAG.

May 22 to June 5, 1776

Washington was in Philadelphia  
at the request of the Congress  
May 22 to June 5, 1776

Pennsylvania Naval records show  
that on May 26, 1777 an order was  
drawn on "William Webb &  
Elizabeth Ross for fourteen pounds,  
twelve shillings and two pence.

for the making ships colors, etc. "

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## DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

"We hold these truths to be self evident:  
that all men are created equal; that  
they are endowed by their Creator  
with certain inalienable rights; that  
among these are life, liberty, and  
the pursuit of happiness."

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"And for the support of this declaration  
with a firm reliance in the

protection of Divine Providence, we  
mutually pledge to each other  
OUR LIVES, OUR FORTUNES, AND  
OUR SACRED HONOR."

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Boston had floating batteries  
in the harbor and six Cruisers  
on the high seas. They  
flew from their masts the  
Pine Tree Flag



Continental  
1775-1777